

Draft minutes of Transfer Station and Recycling Review Committee Meeting August 16, 2021

Attending in person: Bob Lenzi, Doug Winter, Joe Clark, Erin Paradise, and Peter Royce. Attending electronically: Michael Amenti.

Absent: Rick Spinale, Dannen Mannschreck

The meeting was opened at 2:31 pm.

The minutes from June 7 were accepted as written.

Erin announced a new volunteer and committee appointment application that is being implemented. The question was asked if a committee member who volunteers for something else will need a separate application. Erin will follow up.

Given that budget season is approaching, the committee members are asked to consider needs for the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Among the topics raised were the following:

1. Number of employees
2. Hours of operation
3. Major changes to the transfer station that might require significant expenses. Related to this is whether or not a capital reserve should be created to start saving for a capital improvement.

Erin reported the recycling market is doing better. She also reported the volume of MSW is increasing, and residents are continuing to throw items in the compactor that belong elsewhere.

Erin also reported the new supplier of trash bags provides fewer rolls per box than did the previous supplier (20 rolls per box versus 25). It was asked what we pay per bag and do we order by bags or box? Erin to follow up. It was suggested we review what is charged for bags.

The textile bin continues to be difficult to obtain. The book bin is off to a good start. The Rotary Club will start to collect crutches and walkers within the next two weeks.

Composting continues as a topic for discussion. The person who services the Town of Lee reported he needs more than the Town of Barrington to participate if he is to come to Barrington. It was questioned whether the schools and/or local restaurants might have an interest. Bob and Erin will ask that question. Erin is also going to ask the compost company to meet with us.

Mike will review the aerial map and ascertain if it has the updates requested. Erin would like to post it on the back side of the fee schedule.

The next meeting will be September 20 at 2:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Peter Royce